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THE SUPERINTENDENT GETS BACK TO HIS DESK

On his return he found that the printer needed more copy for The Pacific. In addition to his other duties he has to be responsible for the space not taken by correspondents. tI is evident that the Association correspondents were all away on vacation likewise. This accounts, in part, for the late issue of this number .

The Superinetndent tried taking his vacation at home. It is a change of habits for a field man to spend a little time at home. When he tries it again he will disconnect his phone and put up quarantine signs at both ends of the block. Nevertheless, he had a good time and feels refreshed.

He had his first visit to Mr. Hermon while attending the Ninth Annual Summer Conference of the California Christian Endeavor Union. He found that there were two Pauls, instead of two Isaiahs, Paul Brown and Paul Waterhouse. Both were popular. In the denominational group conference held Saturday forenoon we found that of the one hundred and thirty then registered that we had forty-two on the grounds with more coming for the week-end. From the north we had thirteen churches represented with thirty-two present and from the south we had eight from four churches. The reports from these churches were not only encouraging in types of work done but promising in the loyalty they peldged to the program of our State Conference.

At Mr. Hermon we found Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Bunce enjoying to the full a few weeks' holiday before beginning their work at Rio Vista. It was their first introduction to our Congregational fellowship. We also found our Pittsburg minister, Rev. James Muir, there. Unfortunately, he had just met with an accident, breaking a rib, which will keep him in bed for a few weeks. Willard Robinson of Lodi was a host indeed in his position as business manager.

Another important item of news is the acceptance of the pastorate and the arrival on the field of Rev. E. T. Sherman, who is the first full-time minister at Broadmoor. Our prayer is that the churches of the Bay Association will get behind this project with united energy that we may see it well launched on its career this fall.

San Rafael has called a new minister in the person of Rev. O. M. Temple. He is already at work. This church, through its Endeavor Society, renders effective ministry at the San Quentin prison.

Word comes that the Stockton church has just combined with the Methodists in starting work among the Filipinos in that city. Request has been made that the Superintendent visit Big Creek, near Huntington Lake, and help organize work there where the Southern California Edison Company has a power plant. Hope is that the work can be made self-supporting after a year.

One of the pleasures on returning to the desk was to see the financial statement and to learn that during July we received nearly a thousand dollars more than during the corresponding month last year. The bookkeeper says that he will have one of the best statements for our Executive Committee that we have had under the present administration.

Our Mission Park minister, Rev. Godfrey Matthews, is visiting Southern California. During his absence Rev. Eugene B. Smith is supplying the pulpit. Rev. W. H. Hannaford and wife are also visiting the south. Mr. Dodge with his family are at Montesano and having a delightful time.

During July we sent out statements to some of those who were in arrears. We found that we were usng a list that did not have corrections up to date. Some received these statements who had remitted. We have tried to make these corrections and before long we will send out the remainder of the notifications, as it is important that we have all the sums that are in arrears. We do not answer all letters concerning these changes as the expense would be out of proportion to the low subscription price.

New lists continue coming to the office. With the return of ministers and church workers we trust that there will be still greater response as we are still far short of the desired number to make the paper a financial success.

Will church treasurers please remit such monies as they have in hand. The American Board will soon close its fiscal year and we wish to make full distribution before their books close. No matter how small the amount, send it in.

DR. NORWOOD OF LONDON WILL GIVE EARL LECTURES

The first of the Earl Lectures, which are to be delivered by Dr. F. W. Norwood of the City Temple, London, will be given at 2:30 p. m., Monday, August 18, at the First Congregational Church, Berkeley. This lecture will mark the formal opening of the fall session of the Pacific School of Religion. "New Orientation in Relation to the Bible" is the theme for the first lecture.

The three other lectures in the series will be given on the evenings of Tuesday, Thursday and Friday of the same week, omitting Wednesday evening, with respective topics as follows: "New Orientation in Relation to Society, in Relation to Economics and in Relation to National and International Policy."

FAREWELL LUNCHEON FOR DEPARTING MISSIONARIES

It will be given in the First Church in Berkeley at noon on Monday, August 18th. The occasion is the sailing on the following day of eighteen missionaries, who will be the guests of the occasion. The ministers of the region, the faculty and students of the Pacific School of Religion and as many people of the churches as can be accommodated will be invited. The ladies can provide for 250.

The occasion will be the more notable and doubly interesting by the presence of Dr. F. W. Norwood of the City Temple ,London, who will give the address at the opening of the Pacific School of Religion in the church at 2:30.

Among those to be introduced at this luncheon will be Dr. Lucius C. Porter, Dean of the University of Peking, and Prof. and Mrs. Irving F. Wood of Smith College, who will be here enroute for a term of service in Peking .

ECHEDULE OF SAILING DATES FOR FOREIGN MISSIONARIES.

Expected in San Francisco:

July 24th, on "Shinyo Maru":

Rev. Frank Rawlinson, Mrs. Rawlinson and children, of Shanghai, China. (Editor of Chinese Recorder).

Rev. and Mrs. Henry J. Bennett and children of Japan.

Miss Cora M. Walton of North China Mission.

August 20, on "Taiyo Maru":

Mr. and Mrs. James H. McCann of Tientsin, China.

Leaving for the Field:

August 5th, on "President Lincoln":

Miss Fanny E. Griswold, Japan.
Miss Fanny E. Gott, Japan.
Miss Katherine Merrill, Japan.
Miss Grace H. Stowe, Japan.

August 19th, on "President Cleveland":

Miss Edith Husted, Japan.
Miss Ethel Gulick, Japan.
Miss Rosamond H. Clark, Japan.
Miss Valley Lilly Nolson, Japan.

Rev. and Mrs. Samuel H. Ledger and famliy, Foochow.
Mr. Guy A. Thelin, Foochow.
Miss Annie L. Kentfield, Foochow.
Miss Eunice T. Thomas, Foochow.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert W. McClure and family, Shaowu.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest W. Houlding and son, North China.

Miss Marion E. Talcott, North China.

Miss Mary L. McClure, North China.
Miss Helen Gallagher, North China.

Rev. and Mrs. Robert M. Bartlett, Pekin Representative, North China.

Rev. and Mrs. Lucius Porter, Pekin University.

Prof. and Mrs. Irving F. Woods, Peflin University.

Sailed on "President Polk," Saturday, July 19th:

Mr. (Rev.) and Mrs. Frank J. Woodward and three boys, returning to the Philippines.

Miss Lila F. Wyman, for Madura, India, to teach in the Capron School for Girls.

Miss Olive E. Shields, for Madura, India, to teach in the Kodaikanal School for Missionaries' rhildren.

DENOMINATIONAL MEETING HELD AT C. E. CONVENTION

Rev. Harvey V. Miller, pastor at Alameda, presided at the Denominational Conference at the State Christian Endeavor Convention, which was held at San Jose, June 25 to 29. There were 35 delegates present at the Denominational Conference, Sonoma having the largest delegation. Each member introduced himself, stating his own name, town, society and relation thereto, which paved the way for informal discussion of Young People's Conferences of both Northern and Southern California, and reports from individual societies.

Among the leaders present were Dr. John Cowan, First Church, San Diego, and Miss Mary S. Rogers of Straight College, New Orleans. Dr. A. J. Shartle of Park Church, Boston, effectively summed up the discussion, and Rev. Paul Brown, Pacific Coast Secretary of United Society, spoke of the progress being made in the work in various localities on the Coast.

On a certain Monday a few weeks ago, there were 3,300 women visitors at the museum of the Christian University of Tsinanfu . Of this number, 3,150 had bound feet. Seventeen years ago there were not in all Shantung fifteen women who did not have bound feet. Under the enlightened administration of Governor Yen, in the province of Shansi, foot-binding has practically been abolished.

CONGREGATIONALISTS LEAD SESSIONS AT MOUNT HERMON

Among the Congregational speakers at Mount Hermon Federate School of Missions, in session July 5 to 12, was Dr. Roy B. Guild of New York, Secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America. Dr. Guild preached the annual sermon of the School Sunday morning, July 6, on the topic, "The Challenge of Things Unfinished." He also conducted the Bible period Monday and Tuesday. Mrs. Guild gave a delightful account of their trip through Palestine ,during the "Twilight Hour with the Missionaries," and she also spoke at the "Methods" period.

Congregationalists had another bright and shining star in Mrs. Jeannette Wallace Emrich, formerly missionary with her husband in Mesopotamia and now national speaker for the Near East Relief. Mrs. Emrich lectured mornings to the School of Missions on the two books, "China's Challenge to Christianity," by Porter, and "Of One Blood," by Robert Speer. She also spoke one evening on The Near East.

Mrs. E. R. Wagner of San Jose and Mrs. H. M. Tenney of Piedmont were among the Congregationalists at Mount Hermon.

It was a week filled with information. Rev. Edward Perry, Presbyterian Missionary from Yunnan, West China ,conducted a class in Hutchinson's "China's Real Revolution." Mrs. Adelaide Aldrich of Piedmont had a class in Giles' book, "Adventures in Brotherhood." There was a Children's Missionary "Story Hour," followed by a normal class in "How to Tell Stories to Children," conducted by Mrs. T. H. Hageman, superintendent Children's Division California (N) Council of Religious Education. One day 70 children attended the Story Hour, and 30 adults the normal class.

Evening lectures were given by the following: Dr. H. H. Guy, who spoke on "The Way of Christ in Race Relations"; Rev. Edward Perry of Yunnan, who spoke on "China's Challenge to Christianity"; Rev. Creed Gawthrop, superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, whose topic was "The Present Status of the Fight for Prohibition"; Dr. M. G. Kyle, archeologist of the United Presbyterian Xenia Seminary at St. Louis, Missouri; Rev. Theodon Fieldbrave, Baptist worker from India among the Hindus on this coast, who spoke on "Linking East and West in the Bonds of the Master of Mankind."

The registration in the Federate School this year amounted to 246, there being 12 denominations represented.

Native Christian members and adherents on Presbyterian fields contributed last year $2,264,633 to their own churches, school fees, hospital fees. They certainly want these important by-products of Christianity.

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PRESENT TENDENCIES IN RELIGIOUS THOUGHT

By Albert C. Knudson, Theol. D. Professor of Systematic Theology in Boston University.

The Abingdon Press, New York-Cincinnati. The Mendenhall Lectures, ninth series, delivered in Depauw University. 328 pages.

These lectures are historical and critical. They review the history of criticism, and seek for a basis of authority. "More and more, we are told, men are actually, whatever may be their professions, placing their hope not in God but in science." Perhaps it would be nearer the mark to say in science, because of faith in God. He discusses two points of modern significance, science and democracy. He does confess, however, that the ultimate explanation of the world belongs to religion and philosophy.

The Bible as authority, and especially its infallibility, is given extensive consideration. He concludes by remarking that the real authority is to be found in the realm of the Spirit.

In the third lecture he discusses religious experience and its relation to faith. Reason as a ground of religious belief is treated under neo-rationalism, giving an understanding view of Kant, Hegel and Troelsch. Utility as a test of religious truth, and the bearing of the social problem on religion. This is the subject of the fifth lecture.

In answer to the question whether Christianity will be able to maintain its verity in the modern scientific world, Dr. Knudson says a definite answer is impossible. As a history telling what men have thought on these matters the book is well worth reading. As a definite, personal contribution to the literature of original knowledge on authority, it ends in the conviction that it is easier to make a survey than it is to give a solution. As an interpretation of present tendencies in religious thought the book is a success.

Mention should be made of the list of books consulted in the preparation of the volume. Any one who would desire the recent literature on the subject will find in this list a rather complete reference library.

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"SCOUTING"

By Rev. Samuel C. Carson

The rejuvenating experience of a camping trip with 20 Boy Scouts beats the best tonic ever prescribed to restore the lagging powers or sooth the tired and frazzled nerves of any pastor. The writer had such an experience during part of July. The camp is situated among the pines and magnificent redwoods of General Grant Park. It is four o'clock on the first morning—a deep voice is heard —one of the tenderfoot Scouts who has reached the stage of development where his voice fathoms the depth of his diaphragm—it booms out, "Say, you kid, gimme that pillow. Where you think you are, at home? What!" This is taken to mean the call to breakfast, and in a few minutes the silence of the pines is broken by voices ranging from profundo basso to a high falsetto.

The Scout Master rolls over on his pillow and tenderly removes that part of his anatomy called by the unlearned "the small of his back" from the hard lump that has pressed most lovingly to him. He squints one eye up to the light and breathes a silent benediction upon the head of Sir Baden Powell, and is almost heterodox enough to believe that David must have been camping with a troop of Scouts when he cried, "O that I had wings . .. to fly away and be at rest." But the eralities of camp comes to him with increased realism. The thud of the ax, the splash and scputter and gurgle of washing up and the rattle and bank of kettles as some tenderfoot looks for something he left at home. All impinge upon his consciousness until he awakens to the fact that he is surrounded by 20 Scouts on a still hunt for breakfast, with blood in their eyes and hnger gnawing at their vitals. In preparation for breakfast, the pastor and tenderfoot bob heads over the skillet and flap the flapjacks or peel the murphies for dinner.

Here is where he may get an insight into the psychology of boy life and learn something his professor at college failed to impart. At breakfast he gets some idea of the awful void a boy has for a stomach, as pancake after pancake disappears like magic. He can understand how the song "It's a long, long way to Tipperary, it's a long way to go," was inspired.

The Scout Master must be alert and have definite plans to keep the boys employed. If he doesn't he will quickly learn that the boys have nothing of the Micawber spirit about them: they won't wait for something to turn up—they will turn it up. It is surprising how disconcertingly they turn up something to keep one guessing. He is amazed to see with what patience a Scout will trail a chipmunk, he will spend an hour or more stalking him on hands and knees to get a picture.

Here is a new angle to study this phenomenon when one remembers with what alacrity the ax is abandoned at the wood pile at home. when Dad has gone to the field. Here is a chance to see the boy as he is—the real boy without any camouflage.

A Scout slips on the trail and hits his head on the rocks below—how they fly to the rescue! Shirts are stripped off and a stretcher improvised and a long, hard climb is made to camp, up and down trails that test their courage and loyalty, but the last ounce of strength is given; camp is reached and these lads drop down exhausted. They have given all that is in them to help a comrade.

On the trail or camp a pastor may come into close touch with these potential men of tomorrow and catch a glimpse of great loyalty, a kindliness, a sympathy, a tenderness that is hidden by a rough and sometimes uncouth manner, often assumed to hide the real boy.

Across this no-man's-land the wise pastor may find his way on the trail or around the camp fire when the log glows and the stars shine clear—"He may touch the angel o ftheir better nature." Here is a way a pastor will try to win the confidence of his boys and endeavor to lead them up the trail to the sunny heights of Christian manhood.

CONGREGATIONALISTS RANK FIRST AT ASILOMAR MEET

Missionary Education appeals to Congregationalists. At the recent sessions held at Asilomar, out of a registration of 450 there were 147 from our fellowship. The next nearest denomination had slightly less than 100. Of the 147 Congregationalists 78 were from the Southern Conference and 69 from the Northern. There were 36 of our churches represented, 21 from the South and 15 from the North. This is quite an increase over the number represented in other years. Here is the honor roll of churches in the North that sent delegates: Berkeley, First, 19; Oakland, First, 12; Santa Cruz, 6; Berkeley, North, 5; San Francisco, First, 5; Oakland, Plymouth, 4; Saratoga, 4; San Jose, 3; Stockton, 3; Fresno, First, 2; Cloverdale, 2, and Lodi, Lockeford, Mill Valley and Broadmoor each 1.

Those in attendance and in responsible position who are concerned with the success of the movement, seemed unanimous in saying that it was the best as well as the largest of the M. E. M. meetings on the coast. The faculty was strong and well balanced. The ages of those present seemed well distributed. There was no cutting of classes and the class rooms were well filled with enthusiastic students. It was generally felt that from now on the delegations should be selected with reference to a wider representation of churches rather than mass delegations, as 500 ought to be the limit of attendance and the inspiration of the annual gatherings should cover more territory.

After four years of valiant leadership, Mr. Godber asked to be excused from serving another term as president, and Dr. H. H. Guy was elected to succeed him. Dr. Miles B. Fisher will be continued as Dean of the School and chairman of the Program Committee. The new study books are now available and can be secured at 421 Phelan Building in such quantities as may be desired. As early in the season as practicable plans should be made in the churches for a School of Missions to run for not less than six weeks during the fall or winter.

ANNOUNCE REVISED PLANS FOR 1925 WORLD SERVICE

The first year during which the World Service Schools plan has been in use is nearly completed. During this time the comments received from enrolled schools, and leaders interested in the promotion plan have been carefully noted. For all of these comments, the Department of Missionary Eucation is grateful, particularly for the many constructive criticisms on the basis of which certain changes are being made.

From the reports certain things are evident. The World Service plan is sound and practical in its essential principles. Every feature in it has been tested by practical experience, and it has won the enthusiastic approval of many leaders.

It is equally clear that many schools have found the plan, as originally set forth, too complicated and difficult. The real trouble seems to arise out of the fact that the descriptive pamphlet, "World Service Schools," included too much material in condensed form and did not distinguish clearly enough between the regular work required for enrollment and the special activities for advanced work. For this reason many leaders were discouraged at the start and assumed the plan to be too difficult to attempt.

There is also an evident desire for some form of chart upon which graphic record of achievement in mission study and service can be made, as was the case with the former chart used during 1921-1923.

In view of these reports and of the needs they reveal, certain changes have been made which will remove the difficulties and make the plan more widely popular and useful. Two new pamphlets are in print, one is a plan of Missionary Education for Congregational Church Schools, the other is entitled "Special Activities" and is for advanced work in World Service Schools. There will also be new folders, giving lists of books and describing the regular work and explaining the plan of awards. There will be a choice of charts, according to the school and whether or not it enrolls for advanced work.

A TRIBUTE TO DR. SHANNON

The pulpit of the First Congregational Church in San Francisco is having for a supply the Rev. Frederick W. Shannon, D.D., of Chicago. Somebody in that center of pulpit eloquence knows where to find the great preachers. In physical stature, not unlike Oliver Wendell Holmes, in intellect the peer of Gunsaulus and Hillis, in simplicity the very essence of the hills of West Virginia and Kentucky, in theology as clear as a mountain stream, such is the man who has been called one of the greatest preachers in the world.

From a circuit rider he jumped into Brooklyn, and from Brooklyn landed in the foot prints of Swing, Gunsaulus and Hillis in Chicago. There is nothing outstanding in his style, nothing remarkable in his eloquence, nothing unusual in his method. He prepares a sketch and then completes it in an extemporaneous, natural way, in sentences minted on the spot, holding his congregations spell bound by the beauty of his thought, and the apt poetry which lies ready on the end of his tongue.

Without sensation, with clear cut thought, he talks to the people, and preaches on the great themes of life. In appearance he might be twenty or fifty, and socially he is the kind of a man you would invite for a fishing trip.

W. R.

Missionaries just returned from India are pleading for better boarding schools in the Madura Mission. They believe this type of work molds character and trains future Christian leaders for India better than any other.

"School buildings have become too dilapidated for longer use; they must be repaired or rebuilt, and they are also unsanitary." One of the Prudential Committee broke out, "What do you mean by unsanitary?" Mrs. White exclaimed. "Well, for one thing, we cannot stop the itch. The girls have to lie so close on the floors of their crowded dormitories that we cannot keep the itch from spreading. Even those who do not have it when they come to the school, get it there.

"It is the same in the boys' dormitory. The roof leaks so when it rains that the meager clothing of the students gets wet through, and so do the thin mats on which they lie. When it rains, those that have to sleep on the veranda crowd into the already full interior."

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES JUNE, 1924

Antioch	$ 20.00
Berkeley, First	590.33
Berkeley, Bethany	28.00
Cloverdale	50.00
Eureka	48.53
Fresno, First	76.00
Grass Valley	17.40
Lockeford	15.00
Oakland, First	994.66
Oakland, Fruitvale	26.00
Oakland, Plymouth	158.20
Oleander	25.00
Oroville	24.18
Pacific Grove	20.35
Petaluma	86.70
Pittsburg	75.02
Porterville	65.00
San Francisco, First	500.00
Santa Rosa, First	18.50
Sunnyvale	9.30
Tipton	8.00
Woodside	10.50
Wood Estate (Hayward)	50.00
Fairfax	18.00
Total	$2,934.67

Distribution

Mrs. Wingate	$ 30.92
Annuity Fund	21.19
C. H. Baker	11.25
C. M. R. S.	44.03
Pac. School of Religion	63.72
C. E. S.	111.04
C. C. B. S.	134.38
A. M. A.	269.50
W. B. M. P.	270.46
A. B. C. F. M.	392.88
C. H. M. S.	1,324.99
S. S. E. S.	101.25
Conference	159.06
Total	$2,934.67

WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT PILGRIM MEMORIAL FUND?

The annual income of the Pilgrim Memorial Fund provides this year $85 to the credit of every member of the Annuity Fund . This is applied immediately to reduce hte member's annual premium and ultimately to provide his pension.

It will surprise many to note how large a proportion of the premium and, therefore, of the pension is thus borne by the Pilgrim Memorial Fund. This proportion is:

9-10 for ministers whose total salary is not over $1,500 .
2-3 for ministers whose total salary is not over $2,000.
1-2 for ministers whose total salary is not over $2,600.
1-3 for ministers whose total salry is not over $4,000.

PROGRAM OF EVANGELISM

To State Superintendents and Interested Friends:

Dear Brethren:

The report for the year 1923 shows that 63,680 people joined the churches during that period. This is a decrease of 9,330 from the number for the previous year. The losses due to revision of the roll increased approximately 7,000 over such losses the year before. While the denomination for the entire country made a net gain of 3,322 there was a net loss in membership in 34 Conferences.

Perhaps this record is as good as could be expected after the two unsuually successful years just preceding, when the net gains were 19,046 and 19,575. The important thing now is to decide what this year's record will be. Many pastors are saying that more adults are joining the church on confession of faith than ever before. People are interested in religion. They want the "bread of life" —not the "stone of logic."

The Lenten Season was particularly notable for the attention given by our pastors and churches to the interests of the religious life. Far more churches than ever before have emphasized the cultivation of the prayer life, Bible reading and the training of the members in personal and private devotions. This is all to the good—but we must remember that out of a total adult Protestant population of sixty-nine million people in America, only twenty-eight million belong to Protestant churches. As Congregationalists we must do more towards reaching the unchurched, and we cannot do this without some definite plan and back of the plan there must be co-operation, loyalty and enthusiasm.

The Commission on Evangelism and Devotional Life recommends to all Congregational churches that they give themselves to a thorough-going membership campaign with items somewhat as follows:

Outline for a Fall Religious Program
September 22nd to October 5th
A Careful Community Canvas

A fellowship call at every home in the community, with particular attention to new comers.

(a) To secure a correct list of all members of the family; their church relationship, their spiritual needs; and the names of prospective new members for the church and its organizations.

(b) To promote Church Rally Sunday (October 5th).

(c) To secure a church attendance pledge (if the church includes this feature in its yearly plan.)

October 5th—Rally Sunday in the Church

To re-interest the members and to interest new-comers in the community in the worship and service of the church. To make known the program, the personnel, and the spirit of the church to all the people.

October 5th to 12th—Training Period For Invitation Committee

Intensive training for members of the Invitation Committee. From one to four supper meetings to be held. These meetings to be conducted by the pastor. At the last meeting the lists of prospective new members to be assigned to the members of the Invitation Committee.

Proposed Topics

1. Why Join the Church?
2. The Congregational Church.
3. How to Begin and What to Do.
4. Meeting Objections.

Suggested Material for Class Study

Dr. Jefferson's, "Why Join the Church" and "Why Ask People to Join the Church?"

Dr. Herrings' "Congregationalism" and Dr. Day's, "The Congregational Church."

Dr. Meyer's, "Personal Evangelism."

Dr. Bosworth's, "Some Objections."

(Samples of these leaflets sent free on request.)

October 12th to 19th—The Invitation Committee at Work

The Christian appeal and the church's invitation to be presented to every non-church member on the prospective members' list.

October 19th—Special Service and Reception for New Members

A special reception is most helpful.

N. B.—A fall program similar to above, but more extensive, will used this fall by many Methodist ,Presbyterian, Baptist and Disciples churches.

THE COMMISSION ON EVANGELISM AND DEVOTIONAL LIFE.
WILLIAM HORACE DAY,
Chairman.
FREDERICK L. FAGLEY,
Secretary.

THE UNCONVERTED AUTO.

An old man said: "I don't like the Sunday automobile. It hasn't got sense enough to turn in when it comes to church.

"In my boyhood days, the old family horse seemed to know Sunday as surely as the preacher did.

"It would have taken some argument and some larruping to get Dobbin past the hitching-rack at the meetinghouse. He was a pretty good monitor for the young folks.

"But today the automobile goes humming along—just warming up about the time it nears the church; and it seems such a pity to stop and let her cool down.

"It's getting too easy to slip past religion.

"And one reason is that the Sunday automobile hasn't got horse sense."—Exchange.

THEIR OLD SLOGAN WAS: "A Town Without a Church" Now It Is: "Let Us Go Into the House of the Lord"

San Ysidro, California, is beautiful for situation. The Mexican hills to the south and the sounding sea to the west give it a very attractive skyline. It is on the "border"—about a mile from Tia Juana, and practically a part of it. It is also the southwest-corner-town of our great country.

These facts make the recent dedication of the Congregational church, June 29, a story of public and patriotic interest.

The sermon was preached by Dr. Roy H. Campbell of the First Church, San Diego, and also moderator of the Southern California Congregational Conference.

Greetings were read from two former pastors, Rev. Josiah Poeton of Claremont, and Rev. J. B. Toomay of Ontario, and given in person by Rev. G. R .Lockwood of Chula Vista. Four visiting pastors brought greetings from their churches. Rev. George F. Kenngott of Los Angeles presided and also preached at the evening service. The dedicatory prayer was offered by Dr. E. S. Hill, pastor emeritus at National City, who was present at the organization of the church some years ago. Special music added to the pleasure of each service, and a delicious luncheon was served by the ladies of the church. A liberal offering was made toward the doubling of the program of work to be put on in September.

Rev. C. R. Shatto, pastor of the National City Congregational church, has been acting pastor at San Ysidro for some months, and has led in the building project. He reported on behalf of the building committee that pledges to be collected would provide for outstanding bills, leaving no indebtedness except to the building society for its loan.

This achievement is due, in large measure, to the labor contributed by the men of the community, with assistance from National City and Chula Vista churches, after the plan of the "old-fashioned bee."

More than thirty men worked with their hands (and teams) upon the project, a total of approximately 250 days—13 being the largest number working any one day. One man alone, the treasurer of the church, donated 65 days of labor, which makes him the "banner layman," we believe, in that line in the whole country. At least we shall believe it until we hear of someone breaking that record. He hails from Massachusetts, and is beyond the three score and ten line.

That represents the community spirit developed, and the fellowship among the near-by churches. One hundred and fifty pledges were made toward the total of $6,000, which the building cost—the labor being estimated at the low figure of $5 per day, flat rate.

No one who has seen the building questions its beauty and suitability to the local needs. The audience on dedication day was large and enthusiastic. The following Sunday eight new members joined, and definite plans are made for an aggressive campaign in the fall. Rev. Mr. Shatto will continue as acting pastor for the present ,not neglecting his successful work at the home church, where twenty new members were recently received.

Th thousands of tourists who pass on the great highway, within a block of this "border church," will catch the appropriateness of it's mission style, with its electric cross flashing a gospel message across to Mexico. It stands there "by the side of the road to be a friend to man"—the only church in the town. It proves again what team-work can do in a difficult situation, and stimulates one's faith in humanity.

GREETING TO CATALINA
By Rev. LaRue C. Watson

Catalina, Isle Enchanted,
Here's a greeting from my heart;
You're a gem, if e'er there was one,
From all others set apart.

Charming are thy shores and mountains,
Bright blue skies and waters clear,
With a lure beyond description
That prevails throughout the year.

And thy people are as winsome
As thy coves and crescent bay:
Hospitality o'erflowing
Fills with joy the livelong day.

Here's to you then, Catalina,—
Avalon and farthest shore,—
You have won my deep affection,
And I'm yours forever more.

Last September, in accepting the call of the Avalon church, the present pastor, Rev. LaRue C. Watson, read the above verses which he had just written.

NOTICE

Anyone who has helpful suggestions to offer for the bazaar to be given by Mission Park Church in December, please write to Miss May G. Chapin. Librarian. 576 Sanchez Avenue, San Francisco.

AMERICAN BOARD NOTES.

There seems to be a strong pull toward Turkey. This is evidenced by the fact that of the new classes of recruits being sent out this year nearly one-third expressed the desire to be sent to Turkey. Eleven of the thirty-eight will go into this hardest and perhaps the most strategic and promising of all the missionary fields.

From Bishop Welsh of Japan: "Japan has been the exponent of Western civilization to the people of the Far East. Hitherto she has been as much Western as Eastern. America's action will undoubtedly quicken her Eastern consciousness and stimulate the racial consciousness of all the Asiatic peoples."

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CHURCH NEWS

Ripon—Rev. C. H. Dains, whose resignation went into effect July 1, has accepted a call to the pastorate at Paradise. Mr. Dains leaves Ripon much to the regret of many friends made during his two years of service there. They wish him every success in his new field of labor for the Master.

The pulpit is being supplied by Rev. M. D. Coats of Modesto until a new pastor can be found, and in the meantime the attendance is keeping up fairly well for this season of the year, and there is an especially large average attending Sunday School and both the Junior and Intermediate Christian Endeavor Societies.

Sacramento—A total of $25,000 was raised in the building fund campaign during the latter part of May and the first of June. Many cards are still out, and it is believed that $5,000 or $10,000 more will be added during the next few weeks. The church does not contemplate a revision of plans, but prefers to delay construction until such time as it can see its way clear to finance the project which has been set as a goal. A number of substantial gifts have been made as memorials.

Lodi—The First Church, together with the Methodist and Christian churches, have decided to hold union services Sunday evenings during July and August, which is an excellent testimony of the harmony that exists among the churches.

Rev. C. H. Stevens has received eleven new members into the church during the month of June. This is a very substantial gain and speaks well for his earnest endeavors in his work.

Stockton—For the first half year, the Stockton church has taken in 49 new members, 26 by confession of faith. Congregations have been good, showing a steady growth. The evening attendance has been especially satisfactory, sometimes exceeding that of the morning. The character of the evening service has been made different from the morning service. For instance, the pastor has given a series of addresses on subjects of general interest, notably three sermons on Buddhism and Christianity and three on the Christian Attitude Toward War. The discussion of war created especial interest. On the last evening three dozen copies of Kirby Page's book on war, its Causes, Consequences and Cure were distributed. Since that time as many more of the books have been sold.

For the summer months, the church is joining with five other congregations in outdoor evening services. The Episcopal, Methodist, South Methodist, Presbyterian and Christian churches are taking part in these outdoor services. The first one was held the first Sunday in July and the Congregational Church had charge. About six hundred people gathered in one of the city parks centrally located. A platform has been erected and a piano is furnished for the summer. The piano is left in a piano box, which is opened on Sunday evening. California climate makes that possible.

Rev. Hugh V. White, pastor, will be on vacation during August and will spend most of the time at the Cloisters, Morro Beach near Atascadero. During his absence, ministerial members of the church will supply, Rev. J. W. Gealey, Rev. A. A. Kidder, Rev. R. H. Sink, the pastor emeritus and Albert Campbell, a student in Pomona College, who is preparing for the Christian ministry.

A building fund has started spontaneously. The Semper Fidelis Circle, the women's organization, has set itself to the raising of money for the fund, and now have a nest egg. Other organizations are working to that end and individuals are making contributions. By the time definite plans are made and efforts begun for the financing of a new building there ought to be quite a sum on hand.

Last fall a new organization of younger women was started which now numbers thirty-five members. The interests of these young women are broad. They have made substantial contributions of money to the home expenses, benevolences and building fund. They have taken as their special object our missionary in China, Dr. Alma Locke Cook. Last Christmas they sent her a box and they are sending her a summer "Christmas" box as they call it. This organization is known as the Deo Juvante Circle.

Three delegates from this church attended the Asilomar Missionary Conference, one sent by the Women's Missionary Society, one by the Christian Endeavorers and one by the Deo Juvante Circle.

Ceres—The mid-week meetings are making a good record for the hot vacation weather. The meeting last week had an attendance of 15 per cent of the total membership. Ceres Christian Endeavor was represented by ten delegates at the State Christian Endeavor Convention at San Jose..

Oakland, Boulevard.—During July Madam Caro Roma took charge of the choir; she has a music studio in Fruitvale and brought singers with her to augment the church singers. Evening services were begun this past month and a large attendance is reported.

The two branch Sunday schools are growing in members. The pastor of Boulevard church visits one of the Sunday schools each Sunday before meeting with the main school, which is also flourishing in spite of summer vacation.

"The Boulevard Spokesman," of which 2500 copies are delivered with each issue, is considered a messenger of good tidings throughout the parish.

Sunnyvale—An enthusiastic closing exhibition of the Union Vacation Bible School was held during the latter part of June after a most successful four weeks' session, with the local Baptist and Methodist churches cooperating with the Congregational Church. The total enrollment of the school was 149, though, on account of the apricot crop coming on earlier than usual this year, there was a falling off among the older pupils to work in the fruit.

During July and August the three churches are uniting for services, the Baptist minister preaching in the Congregational Church, the Congregational pastor in the Methodist and the Methodist pastor in the Baptist, each minister preaching three Sundays. The services so far have been well attended, and bespeak the existent harmony among the co-workers of the different denominations.

San Francisco, First—Rev. Willard B. Thorp, pastor at Palo Alto, was chosen to deliver the historical address on the occasion of the seventy-fifth anniversary of First Church, August 3.

On August 10, Dr. L. L. Wirt, new Associate Secretary on the staff of the National Council for Prevention of War, will supply the pulpit. Rev. J. Ernest James, pastor of the leading Congregational church in Australia, which is situated at Melbourne, will preach from the First Church pulpit on August 17 and 24.

For the last Sunday in August, members and friends of the church will welcome Dr. James L. Gordon back to the pulpit from which he has been absent three months while on a Chautauqua tour in the middle west.

PERSONAL MENTION

Rev. and Mrs. H. H. Gill of Sacramento recently attended the commencement at Pomona College to witness the graduation of their son Charles, who will enter the Medical Department of the University of California in August. He plans to fit himself for service as a physician in the foreign field.

Rev. Lucius F. Reed of Boulder, Colorado, with his wife and two daughters are spending two months in California. He supplied two July Sundays at First, Oakland, and three Sundays at Sacramento. The balance of the time he will spend in the south.

Word reaches us of the death of Mrs. C. Atkinson, widow of a former Congregational minister and mother of Rev. George E. Atkinson of Ceres. She died in Fresno and funeral services were conducted by Rev. T. T. Giffen. The burial was at Soquel. Mr. and Mrs. Atkinson have both passed through deep waters in these recent months, Mrs. Atkinson losing her mother early in the summer.

Rev. A. A. Kidder has recently moved to Stockton to look after his business interests. He is available for such supply work as can be reached easily from his home.

Dr. Josiah Heald, many years in charge of our Congregational work in Arizona and New Mexico, is visiting in Alameda. He preached at Broadmoor July 27, telling something of his work among the Mexicans in the Southland.

Rev. Arthur Bunce and his wife arrived from Scotland early in the month of July and, after spending two weeks at Rio Vista, he was given a unanimous call to become the pastor there, and has accepted to begin September 1st. Rio Vista is busy remodeling their church building and Sunday School, as well as fitting up the parsonage for the new minister and his wife.

Rev. E. T. Sherman has been called to the pastorate of the Broadmoor church. On the arrival of his family from the Hawaiian Islands, he will decide whether to accept it or not. Broadmoor has reached the stage for full time service. With such leadership it can become a strong suburban church.

Rev. A. K. Farnsworth of Melrose will supply the Sonoma church during the month of July while Mr. Cookman is away on vacation.

Rev. T. Yeoman Williams, pastor of South Congregational Church, Chicago, will supply at First Church, Oakland, August 10.

HOME MISSION BOOKS NOW AT M. E. M. DEPOSITORY.

The general theme of the Home Missions is "The Way of Christ in Race Relations." All the home mission pubilcations are planned and issued jointly by the Council of Women for Home Missions and the Missionary Education Movement. The study books as described below are now available at the Missionary Education Movement office at 419 Phelan Building, San Francisco.

For Adults and Young People.

Of One Blood: A short story of the Race Problem, by Robert E. Speer, Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A.

A basic study of the world-wide problems of race and a treatment of American race issues against the background of world movements.

Adventures in Brotherhood, by Dorothy F. Giles, Assistant Editor of McCall's Magazine; author of His Star in the West, The Call of the King, etc.

A shorter book in popular style, and with abundance of concrete illustrations showing the need for Christian helpfulness and fellowship in bringing about a better understanding among the varied race groups that make up the American population.

The Land of Saddle-Bags. A study of the mountain people of Appalachia. By James Watt Raine, Professor of English Literature, Berea College Kentucky.

A delightful book for reading or study. Gives charming description of life in the Southern Mountains. Pronounced by a leading authority as the best contribution to the subject yet produced. Illustrated.

For Intermediate Groups—Approximately 12 to 15 Years of Age.

Land of All Nations, By Margaret R. Seebach, author of Marion of Mansfield, Other People's Children, The Singing Weaver, etc.

These sketches give the stories of eight outstanding men and women of different races who have made distinctive contributions to American life.

For Junior Boys and Girls—Approximately 9 to 12 Years of Age.

Better Americans, Number Two. The second volume of "The Better American Series! Junior Home Mission Course," by Mary DeBardeleben, Instructor in Bible, Department of Religious Educaton, University of Oaklahoma; formerly on the staff of the Department of Missionary Education, Board of Missions of the M. E. Church, South.

This volume is developed around the general theme of "How people of many races have helped in the making of a better America." The twelve lessons include material for worship, conversation, stories, dramatization, activity, and service.

In India a generation ago a missionary said he had faith to believe that the time would come when a hundred would be baptized in a single year. In that district and in a recent year 38,000 were baptized, and 4,000,000 people in India told the government census takers that they were Christians.

BOOKS RECEIVED

Church Pageantry, by Madeleine Sweeny Miller. Pages 216; price $1.00. The Methodist Book Concern.

"These Things Shall Be," a Pageant Play of the Church of All Nations, by Lydia M. Glover in collaboration with G. Bromley Oxnam. Pages 29; price 25 cents. The Abingdon Press.